

<i>Year</i>	<i>Diamonds (Cut and Polished)</i>	<i>Gold Jewellery</i>
1988-89	4230.28	165.47
1989-90	4971.93	282.90
1990-91	4738.71	363.53
1991-92	4737.94 (Prov.)	508.66 (Prov.)

(b) State-wise figures of exports are not maintained.

(c) Government does not supply raw materials to exporters of jewellery. Access to raw materials is provided under various schemes specified in the Import-Export Policy.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Repair of INS Kursura**

6030. DR. R. SRIDHARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years taken by the Visakhapatnam Naval Shipyard to repair the Indian Submarine, INS Kursura;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the repairs; and

(c) whether any certificate has been issued for its life by the shipyard now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c). The Medium Refit of the Submarine INS Kursura took approximately six years to complete at the Naval Dockyard, Vishakhapatna. It is not the

practice to certify the balance life of a naval vessel after her refit. Further Security.

#### **Purchase of Gold from Russia**

6031. SHRI RAJAGOPALAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to purchase gold from Russia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Production and Export of Tea**

6032. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tea produced during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total quantity of tea exported during the above period, year-wise;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(d) the target for export of tea fixed for the year 1992 and the foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom?

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Quantity of tea produced during 1989, 1990, and 1991 in the country, state-wise is given below.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

Assam	379,855	379,892	387,866
West Bengal	143,168	157,520	161,832
Tripura	5,270	5,318	5,320
Bihar	34	30	30
Uttar Pradesh	407	508	510
Himachal Pradesh	708	760	958
Manipur	6	24	25
Sikkim	82	84	86
Arunachal Pradesh	32	32	32
Nagaland	-	Negligible	Negligible
Orissa	9	13	14
Total North India	529,571	544,181	556,673
Tamil Nadu	100,691	102,594	113,493
Kerala	53,884	64,025	67,110
Karnataka	3,959	3,865	4,443
Total South India	158,534	170,484	185,046
Total All India	688,105	714,665	741,719

(b) and (c). The total quantum and value of tea exported during the last three years is as follows:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Export Quantity (M.Kgs.)</i>	<i>Export Earnings Value (Rs. in Crores)</i>
1989	212.66	848.98
1990	210.02	1113.35
1991*	202.92	1100.14

\*Estimated

(d) The quantum target for tea exports fixed for 1992-93 by Government is 220 Million kgs and the expected export earnings therefrom would be Rs.1250 crores (approximately).

#### Premium Value of "Exim Scrips"

6033. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the premium value on "Exim Scrips" has fast deteriorated during the past one year;

(b) if so, the month-wise details there of during 1991-92; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the deteriorating premium value of the "Exim Scrips"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The premium on Exim Scrip is determined by the market forces. The Government has no control over the premium.

#### Gold Smuggling

6034. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:  
SHRI ANAND RATNA  
MAURYA:  
SHRI ANBARASU ERA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased

to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed the import of gold;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the conditions laid down for such import;

(c) whether the import of gold is likely to bring down its smuggling into the country; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the smuggling is likely to be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). As a part of the 1992-93 Budget proposals, the Government have announced a scheme to allow Indian sand NRIs returning to India after stay abroad for six months or more to import 5 Kgs of gold per passenger as part of baggage on payment of import duty at the rate of Rs. 450 10gms., payable in convertible foreign exchange. Full details of the scheme are contained in Import Trade Control Order No. 83/90-93 dated 29.02.92, the Reserve Bank of India Notification No. FERA. III/92/RB dated 29.02.1992 and Notification No. 117/92 Customs dated 01.03.92.

(c) and (d). It is expected that smuggling of gold into the country would come down as a result of the Gold Import Scheme announced by the Government. However, it is difficult to quantify the extent to which smuggling is likely to be reduced.